

## JOHNSON AGREES TO FIGHT IN PARIS

Will Meet Winner of Langford-Jeanette Battle for Purse of \$25,000.

Chicago, December 13.—Jack Johnson has agreed to meet the winner of the Langford-Jeanette fight, scheduled to take place in France in February, in a twenty-five-round bout before the Wagram Club, of Paris, next spring. Johnson will receive \$25,000 as his end of the purse.

The only condition imposed by the champion in agreeing to the match is that the \$25,000, which is to be his share of the stake, win, lose or draw, shall be posted in this country before he sails for Europe next March. The date for the battle probably will be set in April. The offer of the match to Johnson came in a letter from Al Lippe, who is in Paris with Harry Lewis. He offers the colored man \$25,000 in the name of the Wagram Club.

"I am willing to make the match," said Johnson, who time and time again has refused to discuss the offer. "The only condition I shall insist on is that the money I am to receive shall be posted with a responsible man in this country before I sail for Europe in March."

A cable message to this effect was sent to Al Lippe at once. Ed Smith being named as the holder of the \$25,000, which is to be Johnson's part of the purse. Lippe wrote that the club was willing to put up \$25,000 for Johnson's end, win, lose or draw, the battle to be twenty-five rounds and to be decided some time during the months of April and May.

While the Langford-Jeanette contest, which is wanted for February in the Wagram Club's arena, has not yet been definitely arranged, it will be within a short time, both of the fighters now waiting for the articles of agreement that are supposed to be on the way. Johnson was addressed directly by the club, and when he read the letter he turned loose one of his golden smiles from under an Equinun hood that covered all of his head but his face.

"That's the first time they have made a direct and definite proposition to me," he said. "Yes, I remember Lippe, and he is a good business man, all right. This looks genuine, and if he will agree to have the club post this \$25,000 before I sail for the other side, I will say right now that the match is as good as on."

"It is my intention to sail for England about the middle of March, after I have completed a tour of the Western country. Of course, if I am matched in Paris for April or May, it would change my plans considerably, as far as my great Britain tour is concerned. I would have to know before I sailed from New York, and that is the reason I would want the money posted right away. Things might be a whole lot different after I got over there."

This is the first statement of a definite character that Johnson has made about fighting since the affair at Reno.

PRODUCTIVE OF MUCH GOOD.

Missionary Campaign Recently Conducted in Charlottesville.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Charlottesville, Va., December 13.—The missionary campaign, conducted in this city, under the auspices of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, was productive of much good. A decided impetus was given missionary work in all of the Protestant churches. A banquet was held at the Y. M. C. A. and addresses were delivered in the Protestant churches by such well-known speakers as the Hon. H. B. F. McFarland, former commissioner of the District of Columbia, professor J. H. Apple, of the Woman's College, York, Pa.; William Knowles Cooper, general secretary of the Washington Y. M. C. A.; John W. Wood, secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Episcopal Church in the United States; Dr. Livius Langford, a prominent Baptist layman of Norfolk, and others.

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## Shafts From Sportland

By G. MALBERT

They are beginning to buy skates in anticipation of the kind you want. These skates you get at hardware stores and use them to skate on ice. Never did like those kind of people who always think the wrong thing. Honest, though, if this weather will please a little while it wouldn't be at all bad. And then the fellow who skates needs the money for Christmas.

Talked to a man to-day who said that Abe Attell was the squarer, gamest, best fighter at his weight in the game, and that the only reason he ever laid down was because he got a lot of money gambling and had to get it back. It is no secret who the man was that made the statement. It was Ed Logan. Said that he knew Abe well, and that in a confidential chat with the fighter he was told that the next fight was simply grab-bagging. Well, for the squarer, fighter in the world that brings some.

Talking of Owner Bradley brings to mind something I have already written about and probably will write about again. I smell a mouse. But what kind of a mouse? There is a mouse in the world that is in Norfolk, with frequent side trips to Portsmouth. There's something brewing, and has been for some time, and despite crude and verbose explanations of the Virginia League which are to-day, take it from me that the venter hasn't been scratched off yet.

What has been told so far was told with a purpose, and that purpose was to color the stories that have been in the press.

While certain interests in the league do not like a regular press agent they manage to coat the information given out with just the right sort of sugar to capture some of the buyers. Just wait a few days and see the developments.

Wonder what Owner Bradley is going to give for a Christmas gift? Here's my wish: Oh, for a manager.

Tell you what's the truth, the magnates of the Virginia League ought to thank the writers who are making the baseball business what it is. It is all publicity and keeps the game before the fans. That's worth something when the zone sounds and the grass is green.

Also, Stanley might send us an unbreakable, unbreakable salary limit.

Sometimes, somewhere in this world there's a place where a nice pink tea sort of a league, where squabbling will be unknown, where the president will always do what is right in the eyes of the owners, where there will be no mudslinging, and where a pennant will be given to each team in the league. Some-where.

Powdered powders are lying around loose so that anybody can get them, and from some of the statements emanating from certain quarters down near the sea waves it appears that some one has taken an overdose. Why should there be any fight for men who deliberately set about to disrupt the Virginia League and to organize a rival league, going so far as to say they would play independent ball if necessary.

Then the aviation league availed for a few yards under forced pressure, but finally crumpled and fell to the ground. There is no use in saying that they didn't mean it, but were fooling all the time and want to get back into the fold. They don't mean it, they are taken back. Why? Well, I guess not.

Put a winning team, dear Old Kins.

F. D. Barrow has been elected president of the Eastern League to succeed Pat Williams, who held the job for eighteen years. Barrow hails from Toronto. He should prove a successful pilot and carry on the affairs of the league in an able manner.

Unless the magnates of the Virginia League watch out the fans will get disgusted with all of this palaver and bushwhacking, and demand that they be shown there is no use in keeping on crying there is no fire when the smoke is rising in clouds. Old German poetry says that when the smoke is thick smoke there must be some fire. And it's true as gospel.

And to top the stocking put in one nice, fresh clean set of umpires to please every body.

Jack Goodman and Kid Burns are scheduled for a fight before the National Sporting Club, New York, on Friday night. It looks like a cinch for Goodman, though both boys are fast and both have been getting in condition for the fight.

From present indications it appears that London will be the particular spot in which the "puss" will depict in the near future. Hugh McIntosh says that he will prepare a fighting carnival over on the other side, and that he has got a white man who will kick Johnson. Another hope of the white race.

Another report has it that Johnson is willing to fight the winner of the Langford-Jeanette fight in Paris. If the report is true Johnson makes no reservations except the clause as to the amount of money he is to receive. It is far better to take him on the other side. People in this country are about tired of the negro.

"Bugs Raymond on the Mat," says a headline that has been said about Mr. Raymond. He has not only been on the mat, but has had them on both sides of him and over as well as underneath.

Any member of the fraternity knowing some other member on Christmas morning please notify this office, and we will tell them where there is some likelihood of having the wish fulfilled.

Meet Packers vs. Engravers. The Meet Packers will go battle with the Engravers on the Newport Bowling Alley. At the last meeting of these two teams the Meet Packers won two out of three games, and the Engravers are anxious to get revenge. The usual crowd will be on hand, and much good sport is anticipated.

## LYNCH WILL AGAIN BE MADE PRESIDENT

Supporters Say His Re-Election Is Assured—Both Major Leagues Will Be in Session To-Day. Final Session of Eastern League.

New York, December 13.—With a meeting of the National Commission—the supreme court of baseball—a meeting of the board of directors of the National League, a session of the National League itself, the final session of the Eastern League's annual meeting, and preparations for the morning's baseball day, this was New York's busy baseball day. The National League occupied itself only with routine business. President Lynch's supporters say that his re-election is assured.

President Ban Johnson, president of the American League, said it might be authorized to have the season next year will open on April 2, and continue for 154 games, or until about October 6, and that the National League will probably adopt a similar schedule.

The Eastern League increased the salary of the president from \$5,000 to \$7,500, and authorized its new president, Edward G. Barrow, of Montreal, to open and maintain league headquarters here.

A committee was appointed "to investigate the matter of a possible merger of the Eastern League," and to report to the board of directors in Baltimore, February 6, when the schedule will be announced. It was decided to maintain the double umpire system, started last season, and to play 154 games.

The National League session was devoted mainly to the reading of Secretary John J. McGraw's minutes of the season, and adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow. Thus, both the major leagues will be in session at the same time.

The board of directors of the National League administered what was considered a rebuke to President

Lynch, of the league, in the McMillan case. President Charles Ebbets, of Brooklyn, last season released player McMillan, to Rochester, of the Eastern League, and a number of the league clubs complained that Ebbets had violated one of the cardinal rules of organized baseball, in failing to obtain waivers.

President Lynch considered the matter, and promptly fined Ebbets \$500. The board today "remitted the fine without comment." Lynch refused to discuss the action.

The National League officially awarded its pennant for last season to Chicago, and decided to continue the pension payments to Mrs. Johnson, sister of Harry Pulliam, the league president, who under heavy strain ended his life a year and a half ago.

The matter of Pitcher Camnitz, who claimed a bonus of \$1,200 from Pittsburgh, on what he said was a contract that he was to receive that amount if he did not touch liquor during the season, was laid over until the February meeting, so that Camnitz can appear personally.

Pittsburgh to-day asked for waivers on first baseman Jack Flynn, and announced if no offers were received he would be released unconditionally.

Jersey City traded Pitcher Stilton to Montreal for Pitcher "Bumps" Jones. Detroit sold Henry Fernoll, its only left-handed pitcher, to Oakland, of the Pacific Coast League.

General John Taylor, owner of the Boston Americans, has received a letter from Jake Stahl, the veteran player and first baseman of the "Red Sox," in which Stahl declared that he had retired from baseball for good. Stahl wrote from Chicago, saying that he was now in the banking business with his father, and had decided not to play baseball again.

## HIST! MYSTERIOUS ARE THE MAGNATES

Much Politicating Going On, and Business Expediency Proves More Troublesome Than Giving Public Good Baseball—It's a Pretty Kettle of Fish.

By GUS MALBERT.

There is more in this than appears on the surface. Waiter in the wonderful Sherlock Holmes, in talking to the friend of his heart and the sharer of his triumphs. Likewise and also there is more to the squabble in the Virginia League than can be seen without the use of a pair of field glasses. Indeed, it is more than that. It is a puzzle, and it is a puzzle that is a loss for either inductive or deductive methods to solve the mystery. And, as a prediction, before it is all over that gentleman designated as a "Philadelphia Lawyer" will have to be called in consultation.

The bone of contention, or rather the two bones of contention, are Norfolk and Portsmouth, with poor, forlorn Lynchburg as the "leavings." It is not President Williams and it is not salary limit and it is not good baseball. It is simply business expediency which is now assailing the peaceful rest of the league. It is a pretty kettle of fish, and the pawns—well, the pawns are simply the towns which will or will not be in the league. The credibility of the people will furnish the stake.

Mystery in the Air.

Something is in the air, and at the present moment I am about as frank as I can be to unravel the mystery. For some reason there is an evident desire to discredit Williams. That there is method in the madness appears on the surface. But what is the method? That's what's puzzling me, and until I find out there will be little sleep.

Certainly the most sensible thing said on the subject so far is that Norfolk, having jumped the league at a most inopportune time, should be allowed to stay out, and the Norfolk franchise be transferred to Portsmouth. This, I have said this many times, and again, Norfolk is not in the league unless in the goodness of their hearts the other magnates decide to let the seaside city come back in the fold.

Lynchburg has neither by word nor deed, up to the present time, skinned the cat. The "Tobaccoists" would not be back in uniform and ready to play ball when the season opens. Certainly neither President Williams nor the other owners, nor any one else has a right to say that Lynchburg shall not be in the league.

I understand that President Williams, in his reply to Mr. Parrish, of the Portsmouth Baseball Association, Inc., stated that so far as he knew the league would be composed as last year, and that the only way for Portsmouth to get a franchise was either to have the league circuit increased to eight clubs, or else purchase the franchise of some club already in the league.

President Williams has absolutely no right to call a meeting of the league to change the circuit unless he is advised that some team wants to drop out, or that some team will not live up to its agreements and obligations. There is no reason thus far—at least no public reason—which leads to the conclusion that Lynchburg is such a club. You can't cross a bridge until it is built.

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The commission is to be composed of William H. Taft, now President of the United States; Senator George P. Wetmore, chairman of the Senate Committee on Library; Representative Samuel W. McCall, chairman of the House Committee on Library; Senator Money, now minority leader in the Senate, and Representative Clark, now the Democratic leader of the House. Vacancies on the commission are to be filled by appointment by the President.

The commission is specifically authorized "to procure and determine upon a location, plan and design for a monument or memorial in the city of Washington to Abraham Lincoln."

The commission can employ artists, sculptors, architects and others to assist it, and may call in the services of the Commission of Fine Arts, created at the last session of Congress. Construction of the memorial, it is provided, is to be entered upon speedily and pushed to completion under the direction of the commission and the Secretary of War.

Each year the commission is to submit to Congress an estimate of the amount of money which it desires to spend the next year. One hundred thousand dollars is specifically provided for the expenses of the commission to begin the work.

In presenting the bill this afternoon Senator Cullum announced that he will later address the Senate upon its merits.

The erection of a Lincoln memorial in the national capital has long been agitated on the ground that there is not now adequate testimony of this kind to the life and character and public services of the martyred President.

Marking Confederate Graves.

Amendment to the law requiring the marking of the graves of Confederate soldiers and sailors who died in Northern prisons and were buried nearby. Extension of the time of the commission charged with that work for three years from February 25 next is urged by a resolution in the House to-day from the Military Affairs Committee.

The amendments favored are that when it is found impossible to identify bodies, the construction of simple, central, and of the same material, be authorized; that the names of the soldiers and sailors be placed on the tablets affixed to the graves in the immediate vicinity. The plan is the result of the impossibility of identifying Confederate dead at Allen and Chicago, Ill., Fort Point, N. J., Philadelphia, and St. Louis, Mo., Lafayette, Indianapolis, Terre Haute and Evansville, Ind.

United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals reconvened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. The cases were Goff and Pritchard and District Judges McDowell and Rose in attendance.

William S. Bansemer, of Baltimore, Md., was admitted to practice in this court.

The following cases were argued: No. 1002, Rural Telegraph Cable Co. plaintiff in error, vs. Granite Savings Bank and Trust Company, defendant in error; in error to the Circuit Court at Raleigh, N. C. Continued from yesterday. Cause further argued and concluded by Charles V. Meredith, of this city, for the plaintiff in error, and submitted.

No. 1003, George P. Buchholz, plaintiff in error, vs. Granite Savings Bank and Trust Company, defendant in error; in error to the Circuit Court at Baltimore, Md. Cause argued by William S. Bansemer and Richard B. Tipton, of Baltimore, Md., for the plaintiff in error, and by George G. Goff, of Baltimore, Md., for the defendant in error.

No. 1006, Edgar H. Bankard, plaintiff in error, vs. Ellsworth C. Irvine, receiver, defendant in error; in error to the Circuit Court at Baltimore, Md. To be argued by Joseph C. Burton, of Baltimore, Md., for the plaintiff in error, and by W. Calvin Chesnut, of Baltimore, Md., and Watson & Rector, of Columbia, S. C., for the defendant in error.

SEVENTY PRESENTMENTS RETURNED BY GRAND JURY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Danville, Va., December 13.—The grand jury of the Corporation Court, which has been in session since last Monday, submitted one of the most sensational reports this afternoon that has been known here in years. Seventy presentments, which are practically the same as indictments, were returned against sixty-eight people. Two parties having been presented on two different charges, vagrancy and bad character, constitute most of the charges, while five saloon-keepers were presented for selling liquor to intoxicated persons.

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William Hobson, to repair a frame dwelling, 202 North Thirty-sixth Street, to cost \$250.

E. M. Stairs, to repair a brick dwelling, 216 East Byrd Street, to cost \$200.

W. J. and M. B. Washington, to repair a frame dwelling, 211 Catherine Street, to cost \$200.

Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, to repair three-story brick store and dwelling, 214 Abigail Street, to cost \$100.

F. J. Solari, to repair frame dwelling, 719 Scott Street, to cost \$250.

Stephen A. Ellison Company (Inc.), to repair a frame coal elevator on the south side of Dock Street between Seventeenth and Eighteenth Streets, to cost \$250.

F. E. Patrick-King Company, to repair a three-story brick warehouse, 124-126 Virginia Street, to cost \$600.

Negro's Remains Found.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Lynchburg, Va., December 13.—The remains of James Waller, the negro who was believed to have perished in the fire which destroyed the plant of the Thornhill Wagon Works Friday night, were found Sunday afternoon at a point about where the negro was assisting in the fight against the fire before the arrival of the Fire Department upon the scene.

HEAVY PAYMENT OF TAXES.

Voters in Lynchburg Ready in Case Another Election Is Held.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Lynchburg, Va., December 13.—The bare possibility of the local option election held on last Friday being declared void, under the contest to be made by the Anti-Saloon League, and the remote chance of holding another election during the first six months of the coming year, has caused a crush at the office of the City Treasurer for hundreds of persons are paying their 1910 poll taxes, so they may be able to vote should such an election be held.

Today was held to be the last day for the payment of the 1910 poll taxes, as a prerequisite to participating in any special election which might take place before the second Tuesday in June, for the electorate for such an election under the yard law would be the same as would be for the regular election to be held on the second Tuesday in June.

The fact that there will be no election in Lynchburg next June does not alter the circumstances as to a special election; hence the desire of the voters to pay up before the time limit expires to-morrow.

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